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Re: Application of: Taiichi MATSUO

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For: ELECTRONIC SETTLING SYSTEM AND  
ELECTRONIC SETTLING METHOD**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**Commissioner for Patents  
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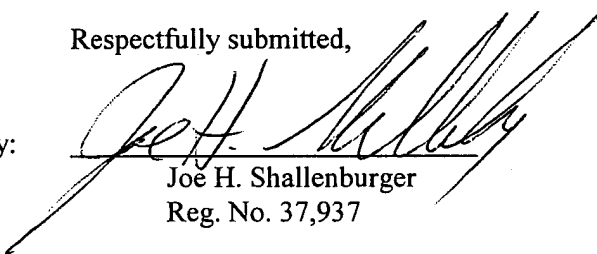
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patent to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2003 for three months from November 19, 2003 to February 19, 2004.

The extension fee of \$475.00 is submitted herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500518. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.


Respectfully submitted,

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